

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1523
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OILSEED CRUSHING INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a constant increase in the oilseed crushing capacity in the country during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the average rate of increase during the last three years alongwith the details of the oilseed crushing capacity installed during 2004;
- (c) whether there is a potential of increasing the oilseed crushing capacity in the country further;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the capacity utilization during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Consequent upon delicensing of vegetable oil sector, no precise figure about oilseed crushing capacity is available. The estimated annual crushing capacity of oilseeds is 425 lakh tonnes.
- (c) & (d): The existing crushing capacity is far excess of the availability of raw material.
- (e): The average percentage of capacity utilisation is around 30.